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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's amendment to the claims, filed on July 1, 2008, is acknowledged. Entry of amendment is declined and not made of record.

Applicant has failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite new limitations. The amended claim requires further consideration and/or searching. Therefore, the amendment filed after a Final Rejection Office Action has not been entered. See MPEP § 714.13(II).

Response to Arguments/Remarks

Applicant's arguments filed on July 1, 2008 are acknowledged. The Examiner does not intend to acquiesce to Applicant's filed arguments since they touch on the merits of the amended claim 1, for which was not entered of record.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang-Quan Ho whose telephone number is 571-272-8711. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Loke can be reached on 571-272-1657. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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